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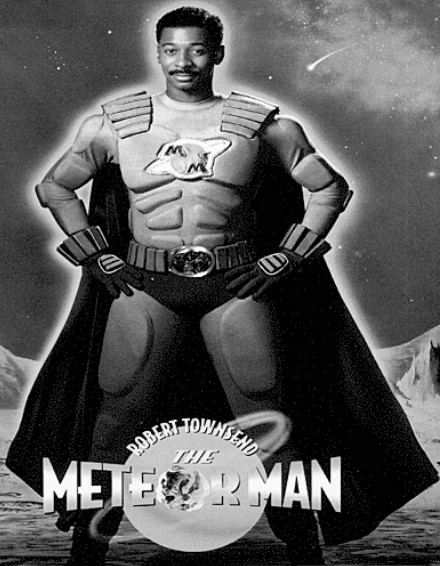
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HIS ADVENTURE TAKES PLACE
1 BEFORE CAPTAIN BRITAIN WAS
SEPARATED FROM HIS TEAMMATES
BY A TEMPORAL TIME-WAVE.

NO PLACE
TO HIDE...

...AND NO
ESCAPE...

FROM ITS
ALL-ENCOMPASSING
BLOODTHIRST!

AAAAA!

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BART IN THE WORLD
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MATT
GENSLING



HEY, WAIT A
MINUTE-- MAYBE
YOU'RE JUST
DREAMING ABOUT
US, BIG C!



I MEAN,
THIS *SHACKLE*
WHO'S ALWAYS
CHASING YOU--HE
SOUNDS LIKE
KURT HERE.

AND THOSE
DOUBLE MAGICAL
SWORDS... THAT'S
RYEUN.

THE CREED
WHO CAN FLY...
THAT SOUNDS...
LIKE BRIAN...
MAYBE...



I DON'T
CARE!

I'M GOING
TO TRACK DOWN
THE SOURCE OF
THIS PAIN!



THE REST OF YOU
MAY JOIN ME IF
YOU WISH--

--BUT
I'M
GOING
TO *GO*
THIS.
YOW.



MINUTES LATER, AND
SIXTY-ODD MILES
NORTH OF BRASSHOCK
MANOR...

YO, KURT...
IT'S TOWARD
THE RIGHT
NOW.

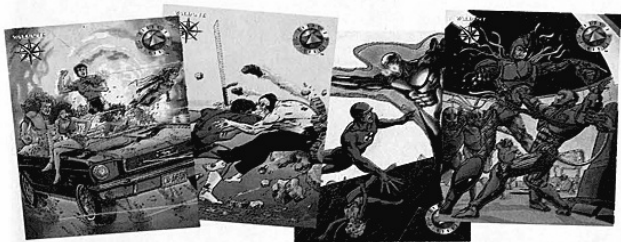


AHEAD OF US,
SLIGHTLY TO
THE RIGHT, WE'RE
GETTING CLOSE.

AS YOU
WISH.
CERISE.

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COURSE...

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**WITHIN
MOMENTS...**

**THERE! THAT
DECREPIT CASTLE--
IT'S COMING FROM
THERE!**

**RIGHT
THEN, LET'S
CHECK
IT OUT.**

WOLVERINE

BAM!

**CAUTIOUSLY,
TEAM!**

**WE
HAVE NO
IDEA YET
WHAT WE'RE
DEALING
WITH!**

**AND, AFTER
SEVERAL MINUTES
OF CAUTIOUS
EXPLORATION...**

**I'VE FOUND
SOMETHING! IT'S
SOME KIND OF--**

**"--SECRET
PASSAGEWAY...
LEADING
DOWN!"**

**CERISE--
ARE YOU STILL
TRACKING?**

**AND I
FEEL IT IS
VERY
CLOSE--**

AAAAAA!

**YES, IT IS
BELOW.**

LEOON!



MAY I
OFFER YOU
ALL SOME
TEA AND
BISCUITS?



VERY CONVINCING,
GHATH. SO WHY AM
I FINDING IT SO HARD
TO BELIEVE YOU?



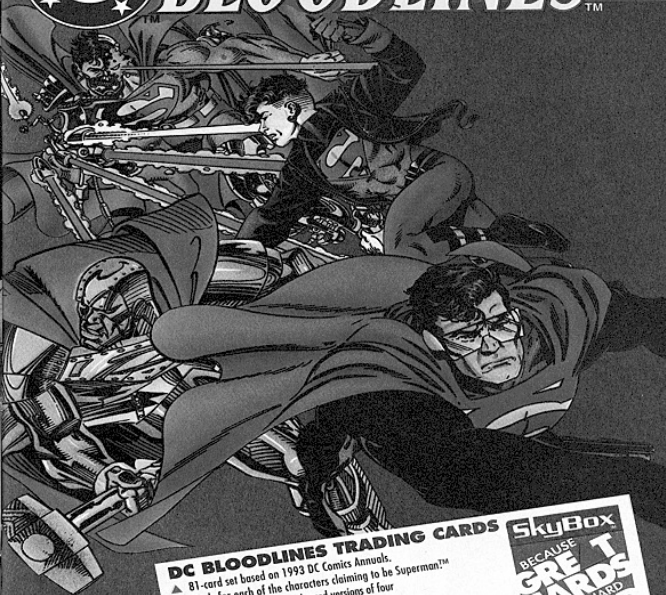
AND WHY ARE
THOSE ROBES
SO FAMILIAR?

PERHAPS CERISE
WAS DISTURBED BY
MY SPELLS BECAUSE
SHE TOO MIGHT COME
FROM ANOTHER
DIMENSION.





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TO FIND





SO YOU'VE ALREADY
FOUND MY CAR
ON THIS PLANE,
EN, GHATH?

SOMEHOW, I'M
NOT
SURPRISED!

THEY'LL
BE THE **FIRST**
TO FALL--

--BEFORE
THE POWER
OF **IBIC**!

GHATH,
WHO
IS--

ZZHRAKK!

BAM!

THOUGHT YOU'D
ESCAPE
ME, GHATH?

YOUR TRICKS
DON'T
FOOL ME!

A MOST RUDE
INTRODUCTION,
MEIN FREUND--

--YOU
MUST LEARN
A LITTLE
FACT!

BAMF

BRACK

UNNH!

I'LL KEEP
THAT IN MIND,
DARKLING--

BAMF

--AFTER I REMOVE
GHATH'S MAGA
FROM HIS BODY!

NO!

--CAN YOU SAY
THE SAME OF
YOURS?

IBIC'S
TEKNOLOGICAL
SHIELDS ARE
IMPENETRABLE--

BRZZAK!

UNNH!



ME AGAIN!

BAM!

NOW LET'S ADJUST OUR TRAJECTORY A BIT, SHALL WE?

STOP IT, FOOL!

SUCH MANNERS!

FORTUNATELY CAPTAIN BRITAIN DOWN THERE LOOKS LIKE HE'S READY TO GIVE YOU AN ETIQUETTE LESSON, RIGHT, CAPTAIN?



OH, I'M READY, ALL RIGHT!



FASH
FASH
FASH

AAAGH!
I CAN'T SEE!



HIURRK

KLUDE



SO MUCH
FOR LEARNING
LESSONS.



ONE BY ONE,
YOUR NEW
PROTECTORS
FALL, GHATH!



NOW
IT'S YOUR
TURN!

DIE,
MAGE!



I DOUBT IT,
NOT WHEN I CAN
TELEKINETICALLY
THROW THOSE
FIREBALLS OR
WHATEVER INTO
THE NIGHT--

--AND I CAN
USE THE SAME
ABILITY--



NO!



-- TO ROB YOU OF
YOUR PRECIOUS "ISIC"!!

THIS IS NOT
PART OF
THE *STUPID*
LESSON, BY
THE WAY.

AAGH!

KRAKKK

IS EVERYONE
ALL RIGHT?

NOH,
THEN,
GHATH...

LOOKS THAT WAY--
NOT SURE ABOUT
THIS GUY, THOUGH.
YOU REALLY
CLOCKED HIM, BRI.

...WHAT IS
REALLY
GOING
ON HERE?

I... I'M
SORRY,
PHOENIX.

I DID NOT
MEAN TO
INVOLVE YOU
PEOPLE
IN THIS.

YOU SEE, I'M
NOT ONLY FROM
ANOTHER PLANET...
I'M ITS RULER.

I WAS
DEPOSED AND
TERRA-MAGI-CALLY
EXILED TO THIS
PLANE OF REALITY BY
THE FORCES
OF CHAOS.

AND SINCE I'VE BEEN
TRYING TO GET BACK HOME,
A TRANS-DIMENSIONAL
ASSASSIN HAS APPARENTLY
BEEN SENT TO FINISH
ME OFF.

I APOLOGIZE FOR
THE ASSASSIN'S ATTACK
ON YOU, EXCALIBUR. IF YOU'LL JUST
LEAVE HIM IN MY CUSTODY, I'LL
DEAL WITH HIM IN AN APPROPRIATE
MANNER AND NOT TROUBLE
YOU AGAIN.

THANKS... BUT
I THINK WE'LL
TAKE HIM BACK TO
OUR HOME FOR
MEDICAL CARE--

--AND FOR
QUESTIONING.

I WILL CONTINUE
MY EFFORTS TO RETURN
HOME, THEN... WHILST
AVOID UPSETTING
CERISE IN THE PROCESS.

IF YOU REQUIRE
MY ASSISTANCE,
YOU KNOW
WHERE I AM.

YES, WE DO.

THREE A.M. BACK
AT BRADDOCK
MANOR...



THE MYSTERIOUS
PRISONER REMAINS
UNCONSCIOUS,
RECOVERING FROM
HIS HEAD INJURY AT
A REMARKABLE RATE.



ALL THE MEMBERS
OF EXCALIBUR HAVE
FINALLY GONE BACK
TO SLEEP.



ALL EXCEPT
ONE WHO HAS
RECENTLY
LEARNED TO
FEAR SLUMBER.

CERISE INSTEAD
STANDS GUARD...



...Pondering the hellish
nightmares she's
been subjected to...

...AND THE
ASPECTS OF
THEM WHICH
HAVE
SUDDENLY
APPEARED
IN
REALITY!



FOR HOURS,
SHE SITS
UNTIL...



UNHH...

THAT WAS
NOT SMART.

LEAPT
BEFORE I
LOOKED...



... NOW CAPTIVE
SOMEWHERE IN
SHATH'S CASTLE -



AN.

AND GUARDED
BY ONE OF HIS NEW
MINIONS. THE ONE
CALLED... ?



MY NAME
IS CERISE.

I AM KHAOS.

YES, WE
NOTICED.

ALLOW ME
TO CORRECT YOUR
MISCONCEPTIONS,
KHAOS.

SPARE ME YOUR
LIES, WOMAN--

YOU DEFENDED
GHATH BECAUSE YOU
MUST--

WE HAD JUST MET GHATH
WHEN YOU ARRIVED. AND
WE DEFENDED HIM
SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU
ATTACKED HIM!

WE'RE NOT IN
THE HABIT OF BITTING
BY WHILE PEOPLE
ARE MURDERED--
WHETHER WE KNOW
THEM WELL OR NOT!

HOWEVER, I FEEL
THAT THERE IS
MORE TO ALL THIS
THAN HAS YET
BEEN REVEALED.

IF YOU WEREN'T LYING, I'D
AGREE. BUT I WILL NOT BE
TRICKED BY GHATH INTO--

GHATH IS NOT
HERE. KHAOS LOOK
AROUND YOU-- DOES
THIS LOOK LIKE
ANY PRISON CELL
YOU'VE EVER SEEN?

I SIMPLY WANT
TO HEAR
THE STORY-- FROM
YOUR SIDE.

THEN,
I WILL
TELL
YOU.

AT THIS
POINT, I
SEEM TO
HAVE
LITTLE TO
LOSE.

YOU ARE NOT
IN GHATH'S CASTLE
ANYMORE, AND YOU
WERE NOT DEFEATED
BY HIS "MINIONS."

MY COMPANIONS
AND I ARE KNOWN
AS EXCALIBUR. WE ARE
THE BENEVOLENT
DEFENDERS OF ENGLAND,
WHICH IS--

LISTEN
WELL, THEN,
"CERISE"...

"GHATH AND I ARE
BOTH FROM A PLACE
CALLED IRTH.

"IT'S SAID THAT BEFORE
TIME Began, THE GODS
SPRINKLED SILVER DUST
FROM THE SKY...

"...IN ORDER TO GRANT
THE CREATURES
OF OUR WORLD THEIR
TECHNOMYSTICAL
ABILITIES.

"MY WORLD IS RIFE
WITH MONSTERS, ELVES,
GOBLINS, HUMANS SUCH
AS YOURSELF...

"...IT'S RULED BY
TECHNOWIZARDS
AND OVERSEEN
BY THE GODS.

"...AND IRTH IS PLAGUED,
SEEMINGLY FOREVER,
WITH WAR.



"FOR CENTURIES, THE MAIN WAR
ON EARTH HAS BEEN BETWEEN THOSE
WHO LIVE ABOVE GROUND, IN
THE LIGHT--HUMANS, FAIR ELVES,
HALF ELVES--

"--AND THOSE BORN
OF DARKNESS
BELOW GROUND: DARK
ELVES SUCH
AS MYSELF, GOBLINS,
AND DWARVES.



"THIS ONGOING
CONFLICT HAD BEEN
THE WILL OF THE GODS
FOR MILLENNIA.



"THOSE WHO HAD LIVED
BELOW EARTHILY
CONQUERED THE SURFACE
OF THE WETTER CONTINENT,
DUNGERTHEE."



"... AND RE-FORMED
IT TO SUIT
THEIR TASTES.



"THE HUMANS AND
ELVES WHO HAD LIVED
THESE WERE FORCED INTO
SLAVE LABOR, MINING
GEMS FROM DUNGERTHEE'S
RICH HILLS.

"IT WASN'T LONG
BEFORE
THE TRAITOROUS
HUMAN LEADER
OF THE DARK ONES--
SMITH THE RAGE--
WAS SETTING
HIS SIGHTS ON
THE EASTERN
CONTINENT OF
FERR'VA.

"ONCE THE TACTICALLY
PRICELESS ISLAND
OF AMEROTH WAS
TAKEN, SMITH KNEW,
FERR'VA WOULD BE
EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND
RIPE FOR INVASION.



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"THIS IS THE WORLD
INTO WHICH I
WAS BORN.



"A DARK ELF LIVING IN
TERR'VA PROTECTED FROM
LYNCHING ONLY BY
THE FACT THAT I WAS
BEING RAISED BY
FAIR ELVEN ROYALTY.

"SOMETIMES EVEN
THAT WASN'T ENOUGH
TO PROTECT ME...



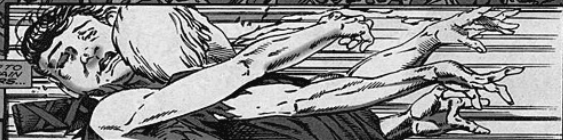
"...AND I HAD TO
USE MY INSTINCTS
TO SURVIVE.



"IT SOON BECAME
APPARENT
TO ME...



"...AND TO
CERTAIN
OTHERS...



"...WHERE
MY TRUE
HERITAGE
AND
ABILITIES
LAY.



"WHEN I WAS OF AGE, I BADE
MY ADOPTIVE FAIR ELVEN FAMILY
FAREWELL... CHOOSING TO LIVE
MY LIFE AS AN ADVENTURER..."

"...A MERCENARY
SEEKING
EXCITEMENT."

"IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE
I MET UP WITH OTHER
WOLVES... BE ADVENTURERS WHO
WOULD BECOME MY NEW
COMRADES..."

"...LONGSTRIDER..."

"...KROMM..."

"...KAMENDAE..."

"...AND
QUARTO."

"FOR YEARS
WE FOUGHT SIDE-
BY-SIDE, ENTERING
DEEP DUNGEONS
AND UNLIVING
STRANGE LANDS,
EVEN CONFRONTING
BEINGS WHO
CLAIMED TO BE FROM
THE STARS IN
THE SKY!"

"ALL THE WHILE,
WE GREW
RICHER AND
MORE ADEPT
AT OUR
CHOSEN
SPECIALTIES..."

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THAT I WAS
ACTUALLY BORN
TO THE EMPEROR
OF THE DARK
GUILD, BUT I
WAS SPIRITED AWAY
BY AN AGENT OF
THE GODS
TO TERR'VA.

"I AM THEREFORE
HIER TO THE TWO
MAJOR ELVEN
THRONES...

"...AND I AM CHARGED
BY THE GODS TO STOP
THE GREAT WAR
BETWEEN THEM.

"I WAS SHOWN THAT
THE STRATEGICALLY PLACED
ISLAND OF AMEROTH WAS
THE KEY TO MAINTAINING
PEACE...



"...AND THAT THE MAIN OBSTACLE
TO PEACE WOULD BE THE ARCH MAGE
GAYTL, WHO WAS THEN TAKING
COMPLETE CONTROL OVER
THE GLINGER TREE AN CONTINENT.



"IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS,
MY COMPATRIOTS AND I
FOUGHT WITH MORE PURPOSE
THAN EVER. WE KNEW THAT
ONLY WE -- ONLY I -- COULD
SAVE THE WORLD FROM
TOTAL DARKNESS.

"WE EVENTUALLY
RAISED A SMALL ARMY
AND NAVY, THEN
CAPTURED THE ISLAND
OF AMEROTH, CLAIMING
IT AS OUR NEW HOME.

"AFTER WE BUILT
THE RUINED CASTLE
OF NOTTLOB ON
THE COAST..."

"...I CLAIMED LEADERSHIP
OF BOTH SIDES IN
THE WAR."

"I THEN DECLARED
AN UNCONDITIONAL
CEASE FIRE."

"ONLY GNATH AND
A BAND OF HIS
EXTREMIST FORCES
REFUSED TO
ACCEPT THE PEACE
I PROPOSED..."

"...AND AS EXPECTED THEY
ATTACKED THE ISLAND."

"BUT WE
WERE TOO
WELL
PREPARED
FOR THEM."

"I WAS ABLE TO CAPTURE
GNATH USING THE POWER
OF ISUC MY TECHNOLOGICAL
MONKEY STATUE."

"IT WAS DECIDED
THAT GNATH WAS
TOO GREAT A
THREAT TO PEACE
TO LET LIVE..."

"...AND SO KAMENDAS AND
QUARTO DEVISED A SPELL
WHICH WOULD BEAT 'ER
HIS BEING ACROSS
EXISTENCE!"

"THUS, DESPITE
RUMORS OF
INSURGENCE IN
DUNGEONS WE
BELIEVED THAT
WE HAD FINALLY
TRUMPHEED."

"HOWEVER, IT SOON
BECAME APPARENT
THAT GHATH YET
LIVED... SOMEWHERE.

"OUR BEST SCRYING
ENCHANTS FINALLY
LOCATED THE MAGE...

"... IN YOUR
WORLD, HE WAS
WREAKING
IT'S EVEN
POSSIBLE
HIMSELF COULD
NEVER RETURN!

"SOMEONE HAD TO
GO AFTER HIM... AND
THERE WOULD BE
NO WAY TO GET
BACK TO JAHN WHEN
IT WAS OVER.

"WE FOUND A
BRAVE VOLUNTEER,
PREPARED HIM FOR
THE JOURNEY...

"... BUT GHATH MUST
HAVE BEEN CASTING
SOME KIND OF
SCRAMBLING SPELL
AT THE TIME...

"... BECAUSE I ENDED
UP TRAPPED HERE
INSTEAD OF THE MAN
WHO WAS SUPPOSED
TO GO!"

THAT WAS SEVEN NIGHTS AGO. I WAS EVENTUALLY ABLE TO TRACK GHATH'S EXACT LOCATION USING I.B.C.

I CAN NEVER GO HOME AGAIN, CRISE. BUT I CAN STILL ACT TO PRESERVE THE PEACE ON IRTH.

AND THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO DO WHEN YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS-- YOUR "EXCALIBUR"-- INTERFERED.

A VERY INTERESTING TALE, KHAOS.

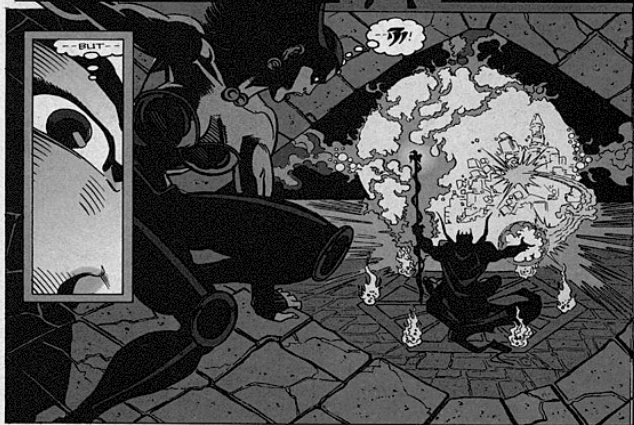
YOU'D BETTER SAVE YOUR STRENGTH NOW...

BECAUSE THE REST OF EXCALIBUR WILL SOON BE BY TO HEAR YOU TELL THAT WHOLE STORY AGAIN.

AS FOR ME...

"I'M NOT SURE OF ANYTHING ANYMORE."







AN HOUR
LATER...

FINALLY...
GHATH'S NEW
CASTLE!

CERISE WAS
CERTAINLY TRUTHFUL
ABOUT MY PRISON CELL
BEING MILES AWAY
FROM HERE!

IF EVERYTHING SHE
SAID WAS TRUE...

OF THE ONLY ALLIES
I MIGHT HAVE HAD ON
THIS WORLD!

...THEN I MAY
HAVE MADE
ENEMIES...

WAIT-- I SENSE
LIFE BEHIND
THAT DOOR.

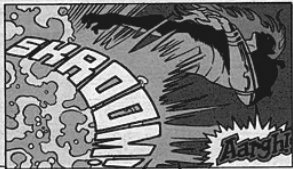
NO! CERISE MUST
HAVE TRIED TO FACE
GHATH ALONE!

WAIT-- THIS
IS ODD.
SHE LIVES.

WHY WOULD
GHATH SPARE
HER LIFE? THAT
IS CERTAINLY NOT
LIKE HIM...



REGARDLESS,
I MUST GET HER
OUT OF--



Aaahh



TCH TCH...

CLUMSILY
DONE, ELF.

BUT THEY'RE NOT
HERE, ARE THEY?

YOUR ACCURSED
COMPANIONS,
GUARD AND
KAMENAS WOULD
NEVER HAVE SET OFF
SUCH A SIMPLE
TRAP SPELL.



I'LL BE SURE
TO GIVE THEM
YOUR REGARDS
WHEN I RETURN
TO IRTH!

NO...
WAY...
BACK...

THAT WAS
THE THEORY,
WASN'T IT,
KHAOS?

BUT I
HAVE A FEW
IDEAS ABOUT
THAT...

...AND
THE FIRST
CENTERS
AROUND YOUR
NEW...
CERISE!

HER ENERGY-
CHANNELING
ABILITIES MAY
PROVE QUITE
VALUABLE TO
MY PURPOSES!

WHILE
YOU--



--ARE AS
NOTHING!



BRADDOCK
MAJOR...

EVERYBODY
UP! COME ON,
HURRY!

NOT
AGAIN...

CERIGE IS
MISSING... SO IS
THE PRISONER!

VAST!

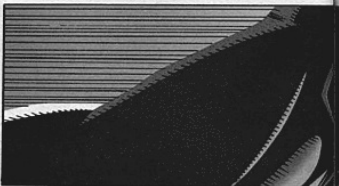
ANY
CLUES AS
TO WHERE
THEY WENT,
KITTY?

NO...

"...BUT I CAN THINK
OF ONE PLACE THAT'S
GOTTA HAVE
THE ANSWER..."

"... THAT CASTLE!"

F'FFOOM!









AN...IMPRESSIVE
DISPLAY OF ENERGY,
PHOENIX.

A PITY IT WAS NOT
TECHNOMAGICAL
IN NATURE.



WAIT...OF
COURSE!

THE ANSWER
HAS BEEN
SO CLOSE--



WHAT--?

--THAT I
COULD NOT
SEE IT!



IBIC!

HE'S
STAYING
STATUS!



LOOK! HE BURNED A
HOLE THROUGH
THE FLOOR!

WE
MUST
STOP
HIM!

"WE?"



WHAT A FOOL I'VE
BEEN... THIS ARTIFACT
HAS THE EXACT
ENERGY-CHANNELING
PROPERTIES MY SPELL
REQUIRES!

I COULD
HAVE
GONE
HOME
WEEKS
AGO!



IN FACT--
I THINK I
WILL!



WELL, WE MADE
IT HERE... WHEREVER
"HERE" IS.

WE'RE BACK
ON *ARTH*.
PALE ONE.

THE ISLAND OF *AMEROTH*...
NEAR WHAT'S LEFT OF
MY RULING CASTLE
OF *NOTTLOB*.

BUT I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND --
WHERE DID
GNATH GOT

NEVER
MIND
THAT --
LOOK!

WE'RE BEING
ATTACKED!

NO! WHAT
MANNER OF
ILLUSION IS
THIS?

NO ILLUSION,
KAMENPABE...

I HAVE
THREE
RETURNED
FROM
"EARTH"...

...AND I'VE
BROUGHT
NEW
ALLIES!





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 MARKED
 PACKAGES FOR
 DETAILS"







...HOWEVER, THEY
COULD NOT HAVE
PREPARED FOR WHAT
NOW FACES THEM...

THE IMMATERIAL
SHADOWCAT, WITH
THE ABILITY TO SINK
SHIPS BY RENDERING
PARTS OF THEIR
HULLS INTANGIBLE...

THE SORCEROR FERON,
WHO FLINGS MAGICAL
SPELLS NEVER BEFORE
SEEN ON THIS WORLD...

THE NEARLY
INVULNERABLE
POWERHOUSE
CAPTAIN
BRITAIN...

AND THE APTLY-
NAMED KNAOS, WHO
HAS EYES--AND
SWORDS--ONLY
FOR GNAHT!



AGAIN YOU
FAIL, GHATH!
YOUR ARMADA
IS LOST!

I'VE FOLLOWED
YOU ACROSS
THE HEAVENS
AND BACK
AGAIN-- HERE
THE HUNT ENDS!



ONLY
BECAUSE I
WAS AT
DARKLING!

KRAKOOOM!



DO YOU *TRULY*
THINK
THIS IS OVER?

YOU FOOL!
IT ISN'T EVEN
CLOSE!



GO ON,
THEN-- STRIKE
AT ME!

AN OFFER...

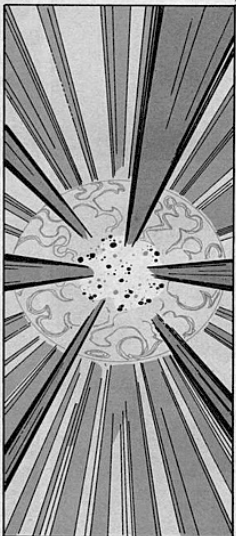


I CAN'T
REFUSE!

SHRR

BAAK!







ENGLAND...

THEY
DID IT!
WE'RE
BACK--



--HOME?

KHAOS!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?!



BRACON!

EVEN IN
DEATH HE
MOCKS ME!

WHAT...?



GHATH--
HIS ORIGINAL
SCRAMBLING SPELL
MUST HAVE STILL
BEEN PARTIALLY
IN BRACON. IT SENT
ME HERE
AGAIN!

AND... I HAVE
NO IDEA HOW
GHATH OPENED
THE PORTAL BACK
TO EARTH. I'M
NO SORCEROR.

SO ONCE AGAIN
I AM TRAPPED
IN YOUR WORLD--
THIS TIME
PROBABLY
FOREVER.



THAT MIGHT
NOT BE SUCH A
TERRIBLE THING,
KHAOS.

YOU COULD
JOIN EXCALIBUR...
JUST AS I DID.

THERE'S
PLENTY OF
ROOM IN
THE MANOR...

...AND IN OUR
HEARTS.

A TOUCHING OFFER,
CERISE. I WISH IT
WERE THAT SIMPLE.

BUT YOU STILL
DON'T
UNDERSTAND.

THERE'S MORE
AT STAKE HERE THAN
MY CONTENTMENT.



I WAS BORN--
I WAS ~~CREATED~~--
TO PRESERVE
THE PEACE ON
MY WORLD.

WITHOUT ME
THESE WORTH COULD
DEGENERATE BACK
INTO ~~ENDLESS~~
WAR.

I... I MUST RETURN
TO GHATH'S NEW CASTLE--
PERHAPS I CAN
CAN PIECE TOGETHER
THE ~~SHARD~~. GHATH CREATED
TO OPEN THAT PORTAL.

YOU DO
UNDERSTAND
CERISE,
DON'T YOU?



PEACE
DEMANDS
THAT I RETURN
HOME.



SOMEHOW.



END.



WHERE
ARE
THEY?!

WHERE ARE
THOSE MISMATCHED
MISCREANTS?!

THAT ODD
LOT OF LEFT-
OVER LOSERS
YOU'VE MADE
THE MISTAKE OF
PICKING FOR
FRIENDS?

WHERE IS
TECHNET
!?!

TELL
ME, OR IT
WILL LOOK
LIKE YOUR
FACE WAS
MOLDED BY
MY
FIST!

SELF
NON-COM-
BATANT. AN
ACQUA-
TANT.

NOW...
IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN
DEBT
CONSOLIDATION...
OR THAT
SECOND
MORTGAGE...

OAF!

PICK ON
SOMEONE
YOUR OWN
BODY
DENSITY!

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Real Name: Khaos

Height: 5' 10" **Weight:** 155 lbs.

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Profile: Khaos came to our world from another dimension on a one-way trip to murder! Fearless and relentless, with formidable "teknomagical" skill, Khaos often lives up to his namesake with catastrophic results for any who stand against him!

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WE'RE PICKING UP AN ERUPTION ON EARTH!!

--ON SCREEN!

MAJOR STARK - PLANETARY RECORDS INDICATE IT'S CALLED MOUNT FUJI.*

NO...

...THAT'S NOT MOUNT FUJI! IT'S A ZIT!!

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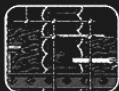


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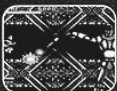
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